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"Casting *all* your care upon Him" (I Pet. 5 : 7).
"Cast *not* away therefore your confidence" (Heb. 10 : 35).

It is God's will that I should cast
All care on Him each day;
He also bids me not to cast
My confidence away.

My soul, what folly then is thine,
When taken unawares,
To cast away thy confidence
And carry all thy cares!

—Selected.

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DEVOTIONAL AND EDITORIAL

The Contradictions of The Cross

By Dr. George H. Dowkontt

REMARKABLE as such a statement may appear, "all the promises of God seem to have strangely come to naught in our Lord's sufferings at Calvary." A verse that has proved a blessing to many is that found in II Cor. 1: 20: "For all the promises of God in him are yea, and in him Amen, unto the glory of God by us." In the experiences of the Son of God on the Cross, we may confidently say that this verse was negatived. It might, therefore, read: "All the promises of God in him were nay, and in him naught—for us."

In order to verify such a claim, I invite you to turn to some of the most precious promises given in the Old Testament. Suppose we start with the book of Joshua (remembering that name means Saviour and is translated "Jesus" in Heb. 4 : 8). In chapter 1 : 8 we read: "Observe to do according to all that is written therein: for then thou shalt make thy way prosperous, and then thou shalt have good success." Also see verse 5: "There shall not any man be able to stand before thee all the days of thy life . . . I will not fail thee, nor *forsake* thee." We need only to ask ourselves, Did our Lord observe to do all things according to the law? The reply from every believer must be that He was the only one who fulfilled it, by obeying every one of its precepts. The promise to such a one is that he would not be "*forsaken.*" Yet, we know that our Lord, in that agonized cry, uttered what was perhaps the saddest question ever framed by mortal lips: "My God, my God, why hast thou *forsaken* me?" What is the answer? "Christ died for our sins."

Turning to the Psalms, shall we notice a few of those "exceeding great and precious promises" given to the faithful. For instance, in Psalm 32 : 2 we read: "Blessed is the man . . . in whose spirit there is no guile." In I Peter 2 : 22 we read: "Who did no sin, neither was guile found in his mouth." Yet, we know from Gal. 3 : 13 that the very instrument on which He expired was a "curse," and in that same verse we read, "being made a curse for us." The only possible solution to this apparent discrepancy is that His soul was made an offering for sin.

In Psalm 34: 22: "None of them that trust in him shall be desolate." As our Lord was hanging on those nails in physical agony, His enemies cried out: "He trusted in God; let him deliver him now, if he will have him." Oh, the pity of it is that God hid His face and not only refused to "have him," but perhaps the hardest of all the words concerning Calvary to understand are found in Isaiah 53 : 4: "Stricken, smitten of

God, and afflicted." If there ever was a poor, lone, desolate figure, in human form, it was our Saviour as He hung upon that tree, dying for you and me.

In Psalm 37 : 37: "Mark the perfect man, and behold the upright: for the end of that man is peace." Was He the perfect man? Yes! Was He upright? Yes! But how did His life end? Amidst the turbulent, derisive crowd, with their tormenting jibes, and the revilings of even his fellow sufferers. Certainly, His last hours were anything but peaceful. All this can only be explained on the grounds that "he was made sin for us." What is, therefore, true concerning these promises in their reversal at the Cross, is strangely true of every other comforting word given to God's people in the Old Testament, none of which sustained the suffering One at the "Place of a Skull."

Turning now to our Lord's own teaching in Matt. 5 : 4 we read: "Blessed are they that mourn: for they shall be comforted." When our Lord was comforting His own in the upper room the last night before He was betrayed, He speaks of the coming of "another comforter," which, of course, implies that He was a comforter, too—and, without doubt, this is evidenced in the many kind things which He did for others. For instance, in the case of the blind man who was healed and later thrust out of the synagogue, he discovered that Jesus was a comforter as well as a healer, for He sought him out and revealed Himself to him as "the Son of God." The poor widow, coming out of the city of Nain, following the dead body of her only son, her only support, discovered that Jesus was a mighty comforter in the fact that He raised her dead boy and restored him to his mother. I once heard Mr. D. L. Moody say he was unexpectedly requested to take a funeral service, which he had never before been asked to do. Looking through the Gospels to see how Jesus did on such occasions, he remarked, "I found out that what Christ did was to break up the funerals by raising the dead." Let us ask ourselves the question, Did the Lord Jesus receive any comfort even before He went to Calvary? He said: "My soul is exceeding sorrowful, even unto death." The disciples utterly failed Him then, and later deserted Him; not one little bit of comfort did He receive when He so much needed it.

Later, in that same chapter, Jesus says: "Blessed are the merciful: for they shall obtain mercy." How mercifully kind our Lord was to those upon whom He had compassion! Was it a great multitude, famished for the want of food? He generously fed them. Were the fearful disciples in a boat on the stormy sea? He brought about a calm to the sea, and peace to their hearts. Was there a poor woman, whom her persecutors desired Him to sentence to death for her sin, recognizing Him as "Lord"? He condemned her not, but said, "Go, and sin no more." Let us ask our hearts, Did He receive any mercy as He hung in weakness on the Cross? Absolutely none.

Further, our Lord said: "Blessed are the pure in heart: for they shall see God." Was He pure? As none other ever was! Peter bears this testimony, "who did no sin," yet fell at the feet of his Lord, saying, "Depart from me, for I am a sinful man." John writes: "If we say that we have not sinned, we make him a liar," but in the same epistle testifies, "In him was no sin." Paul confessed he was the "chief of sinners," but concerning Jesus he writes that He "knew no sin." Yes, our Lord and Saviour was "pure in heart"; yet, we have to confess that, at Calvary's Cross, God hid His face from Him.

It seems even more tragic as we think of what our Lord claimed concerning Him-

self. He said, "I am the light of the world," yet He went out in the dark. That supernatural blackness was not caused by an eclipse. Two men, that day, in Egypt, came to the conclusion that it must be "God who was suffering." One of them afterwards learned of the crucifixion and was convinced that the suffering one was the Son of God. Jesus also claimed to give the water of life, and promised to give satisfaction to any who was thirsty; yet, just before He expired, He cried out, "I thirst"—but they only gave Him vinegar to drink. More than that, Jesus said, "I am the life"; and yet, when it was all so sadly over, He hung, a lifeless corpse, on "the old rugged cross." How humiliating! How shameful! How inexplicable, except that we see Him as "the Lamb of God," being "made sin" for us! On the other hand, how foolish and what utter folly, on the part of those who deny the substitutionary death of our Lord, to say that "He merely died a martyr, or a hero for a good cause." Such statements, carried to their final conclusion, but make of a covenant-keeping God a faithless and cruel monster.

In the light of these broken promises and reversal of all that Jesus ever claimed for Himself and promised to His own, there is only one solution. It is this—*He came to save sinners*. Did He suffer all this in vain for you? Or are all the promises of God, dear reader—because of this tragic inversion of "nay and naught" to *Him*—"yea and Amen" in Christ for *you*?

IN the home-going of Mr. Alwyn Ball, Jr., on March 14, 1937, the Board of The American European Fellowship lost a valued member. He was a wise counsellor, filled with the wisdom that comes as a result of a way committed to God. He was a good man. His ministry was that of "helps," given so humbly and faithfully to many of the Lord's servants and organizations, over the long span of years that he knew and served the Lord. We are comforted in the hope and consolation of the gospel he loved, so we "sorrow not, even as others which have no hope."

SEVERAL years ago we ran a series of articles in "The European Harvest Field" on "The Revelation of Jesus Christ." These were studies on the Book of Revelation by Pastor J. C. Sisemore of Amarillo, Texas. A number expressed the hope that these articles would be published in book form. This hope has now been realized. It is a sane, Scriptural, and helpful exposition, with a devotional and evangelistic tone running throughout the book. 148 pages. Order from the Fellowship office. 50 cents, postpaid.

"We Have"

By Pastor Herbert Hogg

IN CONTINUING our meditation on what the believer now has in Christ, we come to that comforting phase of our Lord's ministry found in Hebrews 4 : 14 and 8 : 1. *We have* a "great" High Priest; yea, *we have* "such" an High Priest. *Great* and *such* are descriptive adjectives denoting His dignity and ability, and His nature and ministry.

The high priestly prayer of our Lord in John 17 takes us into the "most holy place" in anticipation; in Hebrews we have its actuality. Here we have boldness to come (Hebrews 9 : 24; 10 : 19, 20). While the Holy Spirit dwells within the believer, making real the life of God within, so our Lord, as our Advocate and Intercessor, lives for us in the glory (Hebrews 7 : 25; Romans 5 : 9).

When we are in the throes of temptation or in the buffetings of testing, we have a great High Priest, who is able and mighty to keep and deliver. When we are overwhelmed, He knows the path we take (Psalm 142 : 3). He knows how to deliver the godly out of temptation (II Peter 2 : 9; Daniel 6 : 27).

Then, too, His ministry as an High Priest is of such a character as no earthly priest could approach unto. His is the power of an endless life. Therefore, His ministry knows no limitation. It is a fitting ministry for companions of the heavenly calling and glory (Hebrews 2 : 10; 3 : 1). He is full of grace and truth. He is compassionate, and able to succor. Rejoice in this gracious provision that you now have as a child of God, and lean hard upon Him.

AS WE are going to press, we find that Mrs. Paulina Dimkova Nikoff, of Bulgaria, is coming to this country and will be available for deputation ministry, provided suitable dates can be arranged. Mrs. Nikoff is a native of Bulgaria. She received her education in this country, having her Bible training at Moody Bible Institute and the Philadelphia School of Christian Workers. She has an attractive personality and brings a splendid message. Write to the Fellowship office, if you are interested in having her. Pray that she may have traveling mercies in coming to this country.

A Serious Call for A World-Wide Day of Prayer on Behalf of Ministers and Missionaries

Sunday, May 16th, 1937—Pentecost

The supreme need of the Church is REVIVAL. The state of the world requires it. Every Christian ought to intercede earnestly for a God-originated spiritual awakening. If God's conditions are met, REVIVAL will come. Read all the passages of Scripture embodied in this Call until God Himself speaks to your soul. "My sheep hear my voice."

Have you "left your first love" (Rev. 2:5)? Are you "at ease" (Amos 6:1)? Is your service" in the flesh" or "in the spirit" (Romans 8:4-8)? Is your church spiritually alive —aggressive for souls? Or is it "lukewarm, and neither cold nor hot" (Rev. 3:16)? Is your community sinking down in unbelief, deceit, double-dealing, bribery, corruption, and sins of every kind (Amos 8)?

Is not the spiritual dearth in your own church and community a miniature of conditions in other churches and communities? Does this fact make you groan and travail in pain and pray agonizingly: "O Lord, revive Thy work in the midst of the years"?

Judge from the Word whether a Heaven-Sent Revival is needed in your own Heart, in your own Church and Community, and throughout the World.

This Call, to pray for every evangelical minister and missionary throughout the world, is not primarily that of the Great Commission Prayer League. Is it not God's call, the call of the Body of Christ, the call of the Spirit through the Word?

It is sent out without human names, without money and without price, insofar as possible, that the appeal be not commercialized. It is sent out by an unorganized movement with no ambition to build up an organization (1 Cor. 3:3-15; 12:25), a movement which God Himself has raised up to emphasize the need for world-wide intercession for the Church.

This Call is sent out with an overwhelming conviction, shared by many servants of Christ, that the greatest essential preparation for revival is a world-wide quickening of God's ministers and missionaries. Was not Christ's last call in the Revelation to the ministry? A revival among them would shake the world. Spiritual recovery begins with the servants of God! (See Ezra 1.)

Therefore, let us set our faces by prayer to seek the Lord for fresh blessings upon every minister of God. Christian, will you do this? Will you? If so, let SUNDAY, MAY 16 (Pentecost), be for you and others you can reach a great day of intercession, perhaps the greatest you have ever known! Call God's people together for special prayer. Paul's desire to be at Jerusalem on the day of Pentecost suggests its fitness as a special time for intercession (Acts 20:16). Remember Nineveh repented at the preaching of God-quickened Jonah. A greater than Jonah is in our midst today. Looking unto Him, let us pray that He will do a new thing among tens of thousands of ministers and missionaries.

If you are in hearty sympathy with this CALL, and desire it shall be sent to the 200,000 evangelical ministers and missionaries, and will pray as suggested, please write us at your early convenience. (Read Daniel 9:3-19).

Your fellow intercessors in the Body of Christ,

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Answering God's Call

By Rudolph Miller

The American European Fellowship, in pursuing its active work in Jewish evangelization, is pleased to announce the acceptance of Mr. and Mrs. Rudolph Miller as missionaries to Poland. Please pray that all which may be needed to thrust this couple out into the field and to sustain them there, may be forthcoming.

I THANK God and those who have made it possible for Mrs. Miller and me to be considered for the need in Warsaw. The field is a hard and needy one, but we are both willing and eager to go, if the Lord can use us there. We pray that if it is not His will for us to enter this door, He may definitely close it. If it is His will for us to go, He will have to do the work Himself, for we have nothing to offer but the willingness to be an empty vessel through which the Holy Spirit may work.

Mr. and Mrs. Rudolph Miller

We are aware of the things that await us in Warsaw. If Satan does not hinder us, then there is something wrong with us and we are not bothering him. The more we bother Satan, the more we can expect him to hinder us. We know that Satan is mighty, but we also know, and have proved, that our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ is almighty.

We have a burden for lost souls, especially for our own Jewish people. The Lord has given us a burden for individuals, as well as for cities, and at times I hold them up in prayer throughout most of the night. There is something worse than dying for lack of food, and that is, dying without Christ. It is for this reason that we present ourselves to our High Priest. When He is ready to put us on the altar, He may do so.

Mrs. Miller and I were both born in this country, but our parents were Russian Jews, born in Russia. Both of us read and write and speak English. Mrs. Miller speaks Yiddish, and I can read and speak in Yiddish or German, with also some knowledge of Hebrew. The Lord enables me to find and point out verses of Scripture in almost any language, and He uses this many times for His own glory. I have found the Word of God most effective, and truly a hammer, when given in one's own mother tongue.

I recall that a few months ago I had the privilege of dealing with a Jewish man in my own home. During the lesson, he was using an English Bible. After the others had gone, he remained for private conversation. My wife prepared more coffee, and we changed to a Hebrew Old Testament, in which I showed him a number of verses. It would have done your heart good to see the change in his interest. His head swung continuously from left to right as I showed him these precious truths, while Mrs. Miller and I kept silently praying that the Holy Spirit would speak to his heart. Words fail to describe the joy that man found in reading the Scriptures that night. He did not leave the house until 2.00 A. M., and even then he did not want to go. When I asked him if these verses referred to the promised Messiah, he said, "You simply could not get any other meaning."

Mrs. Miller and I have been married three years. We have no children. She was regenerated June 19, 1934, and I was regenerated December 26, 1934. We were both baptized the following year at the Church of the Open Door in Los Angeles. Since that time, the Lord has taken away our desire for the things of the world, including movies and tobacco.

About that time, we were being considered for opening a field of business for my employer, in San Francisco. It was a house to house selling proposition, in which I would employ a number of saleswomen. Before coming here, I had the vision of using this business as a means of winning souls for my Lord. I came and established the work here, and each morning, before opening time, I went to my office and knelt in prayer, asking the Lord to bless us and to send hungry hearts to us who had been especially chosen by Him. He did exactly that, and each day gave us at least one special soul with whom to deal. Some days we dealt with five or six or more. Everywhere we went, there seemed to be no end to the souls He would send us. What a variety! One day they were Catholic, the next day Christian Science, then Spiritualists, then Jews, etc. In each case we just had to look to the Lord for guidance. I did not have more than about eight verses of Scripture to show—I did not know there was such a thing as a concordance—but the Lord took our weakness and used it for His glory. Within a few weeks we had been used in leading four or five souls into the kingdom.

Our employer learned of our conversion and came up from Los Angeles to take away his business from us. He intended to stay but a few hours, but remained for forty days. During that time, I was used of the Lord in dealing with him. He was a learned Jew, of high understanding in English, Yiddish, and Hebrew. He knew the Old Testament and the Talmud, and had also gone into Theosophy and believed in reincarnation. He used to ask me the most difficult questions. I never prayed in his presence, but it was through prayer that I got the answers to his questions. He used to cry out in despair, "How do you know the answers?" Yet, at that time, I could not show it to him in the Bible. Another point that puzzled him was our peace of heart. While dealing with this man, I was not earning a thing, for I was on a commission basis. He would demand that I go out and do some work, but a few minutes later we again found ourselves speaking of the things of the Lord. When my rent was due, he dug down into his own pocket and gave us money to pay it, saying he realized my God was making him do it. It was through dealing with this man that I learned much of God's Word.

When I first became a Christian, I had a hunger to go to Moody or Biola, but the Lord did not lead me there. I am thus forced to rely entirely upon the Holy Spirit for the lessons I teach. I have had to dig for everything for myself, often until the late hours of the night. Most of my lessons are on the First Advent, or prophecy fulfilled, which seems to be my main message to the Jew, inasmuch as this is the thing the Jew has failed to see, that Messiah has come already. I try to use some object in these talks, and use many verses of Scripture, which I write out on large sheets of paper and display. These object and chart lessons are mostly from the Old Testament. The only way I can get the designs is by crying out to my Lord in prayer. I read the verses and let the Word of God do what I myself cannot do.

We have been here in San Francisco almost two years. We stepped out entirely in faith over a year ago. We had no money, no income, and no one promised one cent toward the support of the work. Even now there is not a single penny promised. We have refrained from telling man our needs, with one exception, that we do ask for Gospels and tracts for free distribution. For all our other needs we go to the Lord, and somehow, in a mysterious way, He does supply. We have not wanted for a meal or a roof over our heads. We have been provided for from meal to meal, and we enjoy it.

Our work has been largely visitation work and Gospel and tract distribution. Mrs. Miller is wonderful in giving out the printed Word as she goes from place to place.

Last summer, Mrs. Miller taught a class of young Jewish girls in a camp, while I had a class of Jewish boys. While there, the Lord blessed me with my first affliction. What a joy it was to be a Christian that morning when I lay in the shadows, at death's door! As I lay there, looking up into His face, I had untold peace in my heart. It seemed later as though I would lose my foot, or possibly my leg. This was all right with me, if He so willed it. The Lord had need of me, so I am still here.

While in my weakened condition, the Lord greatly worked. Many Jews came to visit me during my illness and the Lord opened the way for me to tell the wonderful story, sometimes for hours at a time. Though I was very weak, the work increased, with the following as the outcome:

Class of Jewish boys on Tuesday night.
Class of young folks on Wednesday night.
Class of Jewish adults on Thursday night.

If it were not for our many prayer partners, we could not have done the work we have been doing. At the present time they are holding us before the Lord, that He may have His own way. The Lord has definitely led us to see the great need in Warsaw. We are burdened for these lost souls. We offer ourselves in answer to the call. Now we leave it with the only One who can work for us. We continue to "run with patience . . . looking unto Jesus." As we wait for Him to move, we shall be occupied with visiting the many precious souls with whom we have come in contact here.

PRAYER NEEDED

By Jean Rhode

IT IS my great privilege to be in St. Petersburg, Florida, again this winter. It is another marvelous provision, in the faithfulness of the Lord. My lips and pen are unable sufficiently to express my praise and gratitude for all His benefits to me and for the dear human instrumentalities through whom He has thus supplied. Glory and praise to Jesus forevermore! May I in some measure bring true praise to Him by a wholly yielded life and will—a whole burnt offering, according to Rom. 12 : 1, 2 and Eph. 5 : 2.

It was my blessed privilege recently to speak of our work in Poland, for the third time, before the assembly of the Sunday School of the Central Presbyterian Church here. The teachers have told me of the unusual interest of the boys and girls in that field. May the Lord work out all that is in His heart through the prayers, etc., of these young helpers!

Then, too, it is a privilege to look to the Lord to stir to renewed efforts those who have been interested in our Jewish Prayer Band. The circle, which did so well under the splendid leadership of Mrs. Philip Coulter, was practically disrupted when it became necessary for her to leave St. Petersburg. But a new start was sought some weeks ago, interest has been revived, and we have been meeting in a new place every Wednesday afternoon since. We are looking to the Lord for another leader, and trust He will be pleased to bless and enlarge this fine group.

It is my earnest hope and prayer that the Lord will open up other places where His children may be glad to have a part with us in this work. Will you please pray with me that this may be the case, the Lord willing? In His will, strength and wisdom are supplied. "He that abideth in me, and I in him, the same bringeth forth much fruit . . . Herein is my Father glorified, that ye bear much fruit" (John 15 : 5, 8).

In regard to my return to Poland, it takes much grace to abide His time. It was a keen disappointment last fall to be advised by the doctor and the heads of the mission that at least another six months of quiet and rest was necessary, when I applied to go back. Please continue to pray for His mind and will in the matter of my going.

Calls are being received, from friends of the work back home, for a field representation and personal testimony. I shall be most grateful for your prayer backing.

May God richly bless all who are standing by so faithfully and lovingly, is my prayer from the depths of my being.

GRATITUDE

By D. Prystupa
(Poland)

I WISH to inform you that I have left Kamen-Koszirsk and am at present in my home village. The former place was swampy and the health of my wife was badly affected by it. She was ill for over two years. I tried to help her, but to no avail, so it finally became necessary for us to move to a higher, drier place. I am now taking a little rest, and then I plan to take up my old ministry in Lyskow, where I worked for eight years and where we built a house of worship. As soon as I resume my ministry there, I will write to you. I thank God for His mercy, and am grateful to you for the help you have given me over a number of years. Your love, your prayers, and your gifts support me, and I trust that you will not forsake me.

The iron did swim;
The sun stood still;
This God is our God.

—*Hudson Taylor.*

The Jew in God's Plan

By F. A. McGaw (Poland)

"Brethren, my heart's desire and prayer to God for Israel is, that they might be saved" (Rom. 10 : 1).

THE Jew in God's plan came on the scene about 1900 B.C. in the person of Abraham, and God's program for the Jew extends on down to the Great White Throne Judgment at the end of the Millennium. It all constitutes one magnificent drama! Every actor comes on the scene exactly on time, plays his part, and steps out. The actors for the main parts are Jews, and the list contains the names of the noblest souls that ever trod this earth.

The Star Actor comes on the stage as a babe and is announced by the shining angels of heaven. At His baptism the heavens were opened again, and God said: "This is my beloved Son." "He came unto His own, and His own received Him not." They said, "We have no king but Caesar." They nailed Him to the Cross, and there He wrought out redemption for the whole human race.

At this point, Israel was set aside for a time, and God turned to the Gentiles. Pentecost ushered in the church period, which is to continue till the Rapture, or the catching up of the Bride to meet her Lord in the air.

Then will come in Daniel's Seventieth Week, or the Great Tribulation. The Jew will pass through the fiercest storm of all his stormy history, but the godly remnant will be saved and the throne of David will be occupied by David's greater Son. He will reign for a thousand years over Israel and, through Israel, over all the people of the earth. The Jew is the prominent figure from Abraham to the Great White Throne Judgment.

This has been given in very brief outline, that we may come now to the period of our greatest personal interest and responsibility. Just where in God's plan is the Jew in this present dispensation, the church period, and what is my right attitude and duty toward the Jew in 1937?

For two great reasons, the Jew has been placed in the background. One is because of his disobedience; and the other is, that God might turn to the Gentile in mercy and grace.

Today, Israel is under God's chastening rod. They are out of their own land and out of fellowship with God, but they have not ceased to be God's Chosen People. Your child disobeys you and you send him to his room for two hours. You are grieved until he repents, but he is still your son, and your love, if possible, is even more tender until he is restored to your presence and fellowship. God says to His wayward Jews: "Yea, I have loved thee with an everlasting love" (Jer. 31: 3).

The most pathetic scene in all human history is when the Man of Galilee stands on the Mount of Olives, one week before His death, and sobs aloud and cries: "Oh Jerusalem, Jerusalem, thou that killest the prophets, and stonest them which are sent unto thee, how often would I have gathered thy children together, even as a hen gathereth her chickens under her wings, and ye would not" (Matt. 23 : 37).

As Jesus Christ looks down from the skies on all the Jews of this world, what think you is His attitude toward them? His great heart is yearning over them with the same divine, everlasting compassion and love that He had for them the day He stood on the Mount of Olives, and that tells me what my attitude should be toward the Jew today.

Take the Great Commission. Perhaps some will say that does not refer particularly to the Jew, but includes all nations on an equal basis. Let us look at Luke 24 : 46, 47: "It behooved Christ to suffer, and to rise from the dead the third day: and that repentance and remission of sins should be preached in his name among all nations, beginning at Jerusalem." That might seem to be merely local and temporary—for that day and place—but Paul, writing by inspiration in A. D. 58, to the Romans living 1500 miles from Jerusalem, gives us his interpretation of what "beginning at Jerusalem" means. In Rom. 1 : 16 he says: "I am not ashamed of the gospel of Christ: for it is the power of God unto salvation to every one that believeth; to the Jew first, and also to the Greek." In the heart of Paul burned the same love and zeal for Israel that fills his Master's heart, even today in Israel's waywardness, and Paul put that principle into practice.

He went into the synagogue and to the *Jew first*.

I believe that, if Paul were permitted to come back to evangelize today, the first place he would visit would be Poland. Poland has 4,000,000 Jews—the largest Jewish population of any place on earth of equal area, and, if I understand the situation, the Jews here, in their poverty and affliction, are more receptive to the gospel than in any other section of the world! Poland has 4,000,000 Jews, with only about forty workers seeking to evangelize them! Oh, I wonder when the church will awake to her responsibility, her opportunity, and her marvelous privilege in ministering to Him in the persons of these, His "little ones."

But let us look at one more Scripture passage, Rom. 11 : 30, 31: "For as ye in times past have not believed God, yet have now obtained mercy through their unbelief; even so have these also now believed, that *through your mercy* they also may obtain mercy." In bestowing His mercy upon me, a poor Gentile, God has His eyes and heart still on the unbelieving Jew, that through the mercy given me he also may find mercy.

Here before me is the poor Jew—beaten, robbed, and half dead, lying by the Jericho road. Through the mercy shown me, God has planned that he, too, shall have mercy. To pass by on the other side is criminal neglect. I am debtor to the Jew as to no other nationality on earth.

God has run the Jew in on the sidetrack and put me out on the main line, giving me the right of way. Shall I go sailing by in my Pullman, saying, as I look out of the window: "Good-bye, old Jew, I'm sorry for you"? No! With steam up, even with the Holy Ghost fire burning in my soul, I must back in on the sidetrack where he is, hook on to his car, and say: "Come on, Brother Jew, let us get out on the main line and go up the road together."

Dear reader, listen, if perchance you may hear God's voice in this appeal. I have prayed: "Oh, Christ, let me see these 10,000,000 Jews of Europe through Thine eyes, and love them with the love that bore the stripes and the thorny crown and carried Thee to Calvary!" He did it for me, and He will do it for you, if you ask Him! Out of a heart that He has touched, and in His Name, I send you this challenge across the sea. Amen.

POMAK MINISTRY

By C. Marvakoff

(Bulgaria)

WITH heartfelt thanks to our dear Lord and to all you dear brethren and sisters, who are interested in the service of our Lord here, I am writing to let you know that our Lord is giving me daily grace and real joy in working among these Pomaks (Bulgarian Mohammedans).

Although the work among the Pomaks is not easy, as I have written many times before (for they are stiff-necked and hard-hearted) yet we can go among them and carry the Word of our living Lord to them in personal conversation.

During the past month, through the grace of God, I was able to visit four different villages, where I received friendly treatment and had joyful experiences. I am known among these Pomaks and am welcome in their villages. When they see me coming, they come with all sorts of questions, expecting to hear something new. I read the gospel to them, or just talk and make the Word plain, and afterwards give them some portions of the Scriptures which they can take with them and read in their homes. Thus the seed of the Word is slowly being sown. It may be hard soil, but I believe the Spirit of the Lord can make it grow.

We need patience and faith in the Lord to work among the Pomaks, for with our own power and energy nothing is accomplished. So, by God's grace, I will continue to work among these Pomaks, believing that the Lord will work through His Word and bring salvation to these people, as I visit with them and converse and distribute His Word among them. In the beginning of this new year, I truly need God's grace and strength and the prayers of God's children, in order that I may continue with the work among the Pomaks.

That may be right which is not pleasant, and that pleasant which is not right, but Christ's religion is both. There is not only peace in the end of religion, but peace in the way.—*Matthew Henry.*

NEWS FROM RUSSIA

(Translated from Russian)

FROM Leningrad (St. Petersburg): "We received the food, and it is very delicious. We are filled with joy and surprise when we see how the good Christians abroad care for us believers in Russia. We heartily thank you and greet you."

From Southern Russia: "Our lives are committed to the Lord, and He keeps us. Our Heavenly Father knows all about us, and this encourages us in the sorrows and trials of this life. When the way is specially hard, we are cheered by the words of the apostle Paul in Phil. 4 : 13: 'I can do all things through Christ which strengtheneth me.' We truly have God's support. He teaches us how to live in poverty as well as in abundance. May the Lord preserve you!"

From Orlovsky District (Central Russia): "We ask you to send us some food again, if possible, to help us until the next harvest. All our children go to school, but they do not have books and paper and we have no clothing."

From Siberia: "May the Lord give peace to the world, and may a spiritual revival come through Christ's church! May the Lord bless the ministers of His Word! I have been in exile two years. It is so hard to be separated from those at home. I was banished for preaching the gospel. Because of the severe Siberian frosts, I caught a heavy cold, but God in His mercy has restored me. In December, 1935, our evangelical church in Siberia was closed by the government, but now, since January, 1937, it is again open. Probably this is in accord with some policy of the new Soviet constitution. The believers are certainly rejoicing. Living here is very expensive, and it is hard to buy food, clothing, or shoes. May the Lord reward those believers abroad who care for us here because of the love of God in their hearts!"

From Moscow: "I make my living by sewing. The Soviet authorities compel me to get a license for doing this work, and I had to pay a tax of 100 roubles. It is very difficult to work, for we are getting old."

From Leningrad (St. Petersburg): "Today we received your parcel containing foreign food. From the bottom of our hearts, we thank God and you. We are struck by your goodness and generosity, and your gift is a great help to us. The times we are passing through are hard, but the Lord is our help every day (Psalm 40 : 2, 3). The authorities are always watching us believers."

From Zaritzin District (on the Volga) an aged Christian worker writes: "I was very glad to receive your letter. It rejoiced my heart. I have not yet received the parcels you sent me. I received some food parcels from Riga, Latvia, but I do not know who sent them to me. You speak in your letter about our religious life being limited here, but I must say that now there are no obstacles, in this district, in the way of our confessing our faith in God. I send you an aged brother's sincere greeting." (This letter seemed to have been written very cautiously for fear of censorship.)

From France: "My soul is filled with gratitude for the help I received from you. When the dollars were changed into francs, I had quite a large sum on hand. I never expected so generous a gift. May the Lord reward the donors a hundredfold! Now I am in a position to cure my illness." This was written by a very prominent Russian lady who was ill and in extreme financial need.

From Roumania: "The Lord permitted me to go through a hard trial—I lost my right leg. My family of seven are in distress. I appeal to God's children in your country to send me an artificial limb from America. (Then follows a detailed description with measurements.) If the saints will help me, I shall then be able to continue my work in the Russian church, and it will be easier for my family, too. Forgive me for troubling you."

RELIGIOUS SITUATION IN RUSSIA

IN THE *Messenger*, a publication of the Russian Christian Student Movement, of Paris, France, I. Lazovsky gives an analysis of the present religious situation in Russia, on the *ground of a study of the*

Soviet press for the past year. We give herewith some of his statements:

Soviet agents and some foreigners who visit Russia often state that there is religious liberty, but anti-religious organs of the communists, not forseeing that such statements will arouse controversy, accidentally speak many times concerning hidden forms of religious sentiment, which is even now noticeable among the Russian population. The formal Soviet freedom of religion allows, on paper, some meager measure of confession of faith, but reveals a cunning method of forcing, which increases the real slavery of the population.

Many religious rituals are performed now in the absence of those interested in their performance. For instance, they bring from a distance an empty casket and a little mud from a grave which has been prepared. Over these symbols the priest performs a short ceremony, after which the casket, with the "sanctified" mud, is returned home and the dead man is buried in it. In other cases, the burial clothing is taken to the priest and blessed, and then the burial takes place. In the case of the joyful occasion of a wedding, the rings of the bride and bridegroom are taken to the priest and he performs the wedding ceremony with only the rings. Thus, the marriage is practically performed by the church, though the Soviet authorities know nothing about it.

Many godless officials are afraid to remove the cons from their houses for fear of offending their believing neighbors. Little prayer houses are arranged even now in the homes of members of the Soviet communes. Many priests have become traveling church ministers. They sometimes go with groups of church singers, performing services in different places along their way.

As a rule, the Soviet youth are not acquainted with the gospel, and spiritual questions and problems stand out unanswered in the hearts and minds of the young people. For example, a young atheist, Kislenko, writes in the magazine, *Godless:* "I have met many young people who are in doubt concerning religion. They are not quite sure that there is no God. I myself hesitated until only recently, although I declared and proved to others that there is no God." Kislenko states that, in the case of many godless young people, passion in the propaganda of atheism is just a means of covering spiritual fear. They silence the growing inner pain of the soul by using many words and making a loud noise. The godless youth strive to persuade the people of the non-existence of God, not for the sake of the others but rather to save themselves from their own doubts and hesitancy.

Anti-religious lectures and debates are the only places where the Soviet youth may express their doubts openly. There the basic questions of the universe are set forth and freely discussed. On these occasions, they are permitted to demand answers by anonymous questions. *Antireligioznik*, a godless paper of the communists, mentions the following as typical questions presented by the young people: "Why was religion carried over by people from one century to another?" "Why does religion continue up to the present time?" "How did life start and how was it developed?" "In what form and how did religions originate?" "What was our planet really like before man's existence?" "Is there life on any of the other planets?" "How was Christ considered by Leo Tolstoy?" "Why did Tolstoy accept the moral teaching of the gospel?" The godless organs have discovered that the Soviet youth have become aggressive and are trying to get at the root of things. The routine of the godless propaganda no longer satisfies them. They are comparing everything and seeking something new.

Amidst the communistic youth, there are many cases of faithfulness to religious traditions. In Starodubsky District, the young, educated agriculturist, Kartashoff, had his son baptized. The young people did not go into the cinemas of the agricultural commune because of the Lenten season. In the same place, a young man, a communist, enters the house, takes off his hat, and crosses himself. In the village of Shaw-Maidan, the young people discontinued their club meetings because of Lent. The houses of the agricultural communes have painted crosses. In the village of Yaroslavka, the church choir master organized a choir for sacred singing from among the communistic youth. In the village of Kirovo, many girls, members of the local communistic club, attend the church services.

The godless workers emphasize how firm, in many cases, is the church marriage ceremony. In the village of Kirovo, 21 weddings out of 26 were performed in the church. In the village of Egoldaevo, in Moscow District, only 12 out of 28 marriages were performed outside the church.

Religious feeling among children does not disappear. The children love to go to church, and the old women are teaching them prayers. In Armavir, the churches were packed, and 60 per cent of those present were school children. In Beloretchensky District, 50 to 55 per cent of those attending church were young people and children. In the village of Bogaty, out of 127 school children, the church visited 40. An atheistic worker, A. Sokoloff, visited 18 homes of school children, and in 16 of these there were evidences of religion.

The attacks on religion were intensive soon after the Bolshevistic Revolution in 1917, but the Russian population steadily resisted godlessness and it is failing. Religious sentiment in Russia is increasing, and the spiritual regeneration of Russia is approaching.

DREAMS, HOPES, AND THE GOSPEL

By Dr. James Ewke
(Czechoslovakia)

WE HAVE amongst the emigrants two generations: first, those emigrants who fled from Russia after the Civil War; and second, their children, who either accompanied their parents from Russia or were born in this country. These two generations are entirely different, and the spiritual work amongst them must necessarily differ. Of course, when I speak of Russian emigrants, I include the Russian Jews, who came as refugees together with other former Russian citizens.

The parents are dreaming day and night of that blessed moment when they will be able to return to their "fatherland" (Russia). The Zionistic Jews, of course, are an exception, for they are trying to get into the Holy Land. Like a believer who trusts in Jesus Christ and through Him believes that he will go to heaven, so nearly every Russian emigrant believes that through a certain man, a saviour (but not Christ!) and leader ("vozshd"), he will be led to his paradise, Russia. They believe that leader will come, perhaps suddenly, and release them from all troubles and difficulties and that then a new life will begin. We can understand and sympathize with them, for the life of the Russian emigrants is often very hard, indeed, but the false belief in a man, instead of God, is so awful that I sometimes feel obliged to say to them the words of Jeremiah: "Thus saith the Lord; Cursed be the man that trusteth in man, and maketh flesh his arm, and whose heart departeth from the Lord" (Jer. 17 : 5).

Lately there has arisen a great hope among the Ukrainians that a certain person, a well-known statesman in Europe, will by force deliver the Ukrainians and offer them the privilege of returning to their homes. When we speak to these Ukrainian souls about Christ, they will not listen to us. "Your Christ and God," they say, "is a Utopia, and you are very guilty because you preach about such a Utopia, for you deprive people of common sense and interfere with our great, national idea." On the other hand, there are exceptions among these emigrants. God has His way to the hearts of these souls, also. I am visiting a family, the father of which is working as a librarian in a Russian library in Prague. The mother is now very ill and confined to bed. There are two children attending school. I have made several calls in this home. The poor mother is thinking more about death than about returning to Russia. In this case, the soil has already been prepared for the seed of the Word. She herself has confessed that her sufferings are a result of her sins. Please pray for this soul.

The younger generation of emigrants are far more responsive, and their hearts are open to receive the gospel message. From time to time, I gather the children for long walks and excursions. There are many romantic old castles in Czechoslovakia, and the roads to these castles are extremely beautiful. We start out with the castles as our objective, but all along the way the children are singing and are willing to talk on different topics. Thus, there is every opportunity to plant in their hearts the love of Christ. One day, when we undertook such a trip, we first went on foot, then on a river steamer, and finally by train. You should have seen how happy the children were, though they were very tired after that long "itinerary." God gave us some very blessed hours together. They were really Sunday School hours in the fields, on the river, and on the train. We are planning more such journeys, the Lord willing. Please pray that God may enable me to sow the seed deeply in the hearts of these children.

When the enemy shall come in like a flood, the Spirit of the Lord shall put him to flight. Isa. 59: 19.

"Out of The Mouth of Babes"

By Charles Lukesh (Czechoslovakia)

I HAVE been asked for a picture of our "Missionary Twins" and I take pleasure in sending it. It was taken when they were four years old and represents them at their daily task of dishwashing, in which they were quite proficient even at that age. To them the regular work of the home is just so much fun—sweeping, dusting, polishing brass, shoes, etc. They are now five and a half years old, and would put a much older person to shame in their knowledge of cooking. Milk, tea, etc., are left to them unhesitatingly, to put on and off the stove at the proper time. They also peel potatoes, beat egg whites, set the table, and bring proper accessories from the pantry as soon as they are told what is going to be cooked.

The Missionary Twins

I will not weary you with further details, for you may rightly ask me what it is all about. It is simply this, that they are missionaries just anywhere, and "by their fruits ye shall know them." They are not active merely when reciting and singing, and lazy the rest of the time. They can be depended on to recite a number of psalms, parables, and verses, and they have also a great number of songs, which they sing with or without motions, any time, anywhere, without the least sign either of bashfulness or of showing off. Through their joyful sincerity, they have won us many a day, when their simplicity has broken the ice and paved the way for further testimony. I can truly say that if their unbelieving father is brought to Christ, it will be in a great measure due to them, for he is constantly putting them to the test in various ways.

I cannot send you a recent picture, as "Johnny Boy" is in the hospital at present with inflammation of the kidneys, as a result of neglecting a slight attack of scarlet fever. It was not properly diagnosed by the physician and he was let out of bed too soon. In the hospital, however, he is being made a blessing to all those around him. For lack of space in the children's ward, he was put where the older men are, and they and their visitors are astonished to discover how much the little chap knows. The nun, however, does not like it. She listened to the Parable of the Prodigal Son and the 23rd Psalm, but then would listen no longer, saying that they were fairy tales. It is strange how they swallow any trifling tales about imaginary saints, while the Word of God is unknown to them, nor do they want it, as it evidently strikes their consciences. I do not know what the nun thought when, at the customary saying of prayers, the little fellow said that he prays to the living God and not to figures. He might have been out of the hospital by this time, but he was allowed to get up too soon and had a relapse. Praise the Lord, he is getting better!

There is quite an epidemic of scarlet fever in these parts, and several other families were affected by it. At present, there are two girlies from another family in the hospital, also. The older, while convalescing, contracted inflammation of the inner ear, which turned to meningitis, and the specialist gave but little hope after the operation. At the time of the operation, the parents came to the mission, just at the close of the afternoon prayer meeting, and we spent some more time in prayer with them. Even the father bowed in prayer, though he had formerly been an open scoffer. In spite of the pleadings of his wife and children, he would not come to the meetings, but since the children became so ill he has been quite regular in attendance. It may be that the serious illness of his only children may be the means of bringing him to salvation, for the little one, too, three years old, developed a festering on

the forearm. Please pray that the father's heart may be fully turned to the Lord.

A sixteen-year-old girl fell from the ladder while trying to remove the snow from the roof, and broke her foot above the ankle. Her mother is a believer, but the girl is stubborn, selfish, and ungovernable, and even this accident failed to have any effect upon her. She is attending the business academy. It might help her if some girls of her own age, who are saved, would write to her, telling how their joy in the Lord helps them in their studies, etc. She is an energetic girl and might be a leader among her comrades, whereas now she is a hindrance because of her bad example. Please pray especially for her.

Little Gertrude, aged six, comes from an unhappy home. The father drinks, and the mother seeks her satisfaction in worldly pleasures. Perhaps this is the reason the little one is left much to herself and permitted to go to the mission, which she prefers to her own home. She has her testings, however. The priest in the school tries to intimidate her by forbidding her to come, telling her false stories about the mission, but she corrects his statements and bravely stands up for the good name of the mission. One woman in the house where they live, noticing her sincere enthusiasm, told her she would go crazy over her New Testament and the mission. Her small companions, whom she tried to bring along with her, also made it hard for her. Fearing her opponents would take away from her the copy book she had received from the mission, on which she works out her lessons, she hid it under the mattress in the bed. She took quite seriously the refusal of the others to accompany her, telling them: "You just wait! When the Lord Jesus comes and takes us to heaven, you will wish you had gone to the mission, too—but it will be too late." Finally, she succeeded in getting one small girl to come with her. This will only increase her persecution on the part of the priest. We commend her to you for special prayer.

How much work could be done, if it were only not for this strangle hold of the priests! They are not only blind leaders of the blind, but they do all they can to hinder the work of others, and they do it with a vengeance. We look to you to uphold us before the throne of grace.

APPRECIATION

Vienna, March 3, 1937.

Dear Brethren in Christ:

With heartiest thanks we enclose receipt for $40.00, which we received through Miss Steyrer for the needs of our Vienna station. We take this unexpected gift as from the Lord, and just now it means great encouragement for us. Since last June we have not received a single mark from Germany, from whence up to that time a large part of our funds had come. The result is that at present our central-cash is totally empty, which has forced us to inform our stations in Vienna and the other Austrian towns that from now on they must try to live on that which they get from their own station. We know that this will be a hard struggle, and you can therefore imagine how welcome a gift was this money for our Vienna station. May God bless the giver!

We are very glad that Miss Steyrer came back to Austria, and also that she found her way back to the Volksmission. At present, she is working in our station at Salzburg, where she is filling the place of the missionary sister there, who has been ill for some weeks. We are very thankful to Miss Steyrer and to her American friends that she is helping us in such an unselfish and efficient way. You know of the great spiritual need in Austria, and we therefore ask you to please stand back of Miss Steyrer's work with your prayers.

Very sincerely yours,

Max Monsky.

I am working hard all the time as your representative, and am eager to increase our activity and rent another house for our church services in a section where the gospel has not yet been preached. This is the Lord's work, not man's. It is our duty to constantly and uninterruptedly give out the gospel message.

—S. P. Badantseff (Manchuria).

For our experience we need to pray, for our holiness of character we need to pray, for our working we need to pray; and as we pray we get to the place where Christ would have us be, to the riches of the glory that He would reveal in us.

—*Dr. W. Y. Fullerton.*

Mr. Moriakoff second from left; Mrs. Moriakoff and mother in center

Fruitful Ministry

By Ivan Moriakoff, (Estonia)

LIVING in Estonia on the very frontier of Red Russia, we feel the influence of the Bolsheviks on our people. A few days ago, the communists hung up a red flag with the inscription, "Down with the Estonian government!" We Russian Christians are thankful for the present Estonian government. It preserves a good state of order and we have full religious freedom. The only thing required of us is that we inform the local authorities of the places and times of our evangelical services, which we are glad to do.

In the winter, there are weeks when we hold evangelical meetings every night, and the people do not tire of coming and listening to the gospel message. The Christmas season was a very joyful time here. We had special Christmas programs with the children. I had many invitations from a number of peasants, whom I was glad to visit. We have much trouble with the Russellites, who invade our villages with their heretical books and tracts, but we warn and instruct our people.

To our great joy, a girl recently prayed openly in our service, accepting Christ as her Saviour. After that, her older sister and her mother were also publicly converted to Christ. In our Russian services, it is not our custom to invite people to the front for confession of Christ. We just preach the gospel, and then those people who are led to accept the Saviour open their mouths in prayer at the end of the service. This is done naturally and voluntarily.

A certain family here has been broken up. The husband and wife are separated and the little daughter is with the mother. I visited the husband and suggested to him that he become reconciled with his wife. It was a long conversation, after which the husband began to feel more kindly toward his wife and it seemed that he would soon return to her. Before our talk, he had been planning to marry another woman. I explained that this was against God's law, and the man began to feel afraid.

There was another peculiar case. A wife prayed openly in our service for her husband. This irritated and humiliated him, and he said, "All the bushes will laugh at me." I explained to this man that his wife had not said anything evil of him in her

prayer to God for him. He understood and was grateful to me, and now he is a visitor at our services.

I thank you very heartily for the help sent to me, from time to time. I pray for you and I ask you to pray for me.

BLIGHTED WOMANHOOD

By Mrs. Arthur Konrad

(Albania)

"*But none of these things move me, neither count I my life dear unto myself, so that I might finish my course with joy, and the ministry, which I have received of the Lord Jesus, to testify the gospel of the grace of God*" (Acts 20 : 24).

COMING to Albania as a bride has had thrills, drawbacks, and heartache. I say *thrills* with much emphasis. Who would not, could they see our home with all its furnishings made by my husband's own hands? This is just one of the many thrills, of course.

I say *drawbacks* because I have had to prove myself to these curious, onlooking women. "To think she is away over here, so far from her parents and not able to live with her mother-in-law, who could teach her! She doesn't know anything." Such are the whispered words of the "plakes" (old women). With His help, with Mother's good training, and with a thoughtful husband, they have almost decided "it can be done."

I say *heartache* because my heart goes out to the women of Albania. How very disillusioning are the references to their superiority, in books on Albania! We fail to find it so. In reality, the older women are often the burden-bearers in the home, and are illiterate, not knowing how to read and write. It is below a man's dignity to be seen carrying water or wood or doing any tasks for a woman. Often the peasant man rides the "gomar" (ass) and the woman comes trudging along behind, clanking her wooden sandals on the cobble-stones. She often supports the large family by weaving oddly-designed, beautiful rugs. This she does to the neglect of her children, who go undisciplined. All she teaches her girls is sewing, weaving, and dainty fancy work. The young girl learns little about cooking in her own home. That cooking is simple, bread being the main part of their diet. They think it not economical to have more than one thing to eat for a meal. New babies come into the home and are immediately bundled up tightly with their little arms at their sides, and bound to a board. Most of their first year of life is spent in this position. Any wonder I asked, "Why are the backs of their heads so flat?"

By this time you can see why the old women thought I needed a mother-in-law with me. The poor, innocent bride, who has been married off to a man she may not know and sometimes does not love, is ushered into the home of her mother-in-law, "knowing nothing" about managing a home. The groom has been paid a dowry by the bride's parents and, sad to say, often spends his time at the coffee house, gambling and drinking until the money is gone. Some buy a business with the dowry, and occasionally one takes a honeymoon trip to America, leaving the bride at home.

To observe the tired, listless, longing faces of such women, and to look into the hardened, wrinkled countenances of the older women, grieves one's soul. Can we expect them to look otherwise? They have little hope in this life and no hope in the future. Seldom is the wife seen walking with her husband. Few darken the chapel door to attend the services, and many that do are not seeking spiritual help, but money. Ask a Mohammedan woman why she does not go to pray, and her reply is, "I have a husband who does that." Oh, that they may come seeking Jesus, whom they have on their lips many times but not in their hearts!

Many have risen above the level of the average Albanian woman and are seeking to maintain a higher standard of living for themselves and encouraging others to do the same. Mrs. Jacques meets with the Christian Endeavor girls every two weeks and teaches them First Aid hints, good health habits, baby care, and cooking. I am not much help to her at present, but, as He has thus far enabled, I can trust Him for further grasp of the language.

The man who says, "God has chosen me," can afford to let others think and speak after their own nature. It is his business to take his stand separately, and deliberately and distinctly to do what he believes to be right, and let the many or the few do as they will.—*C. H. Spurgeon.*

Sowing The Seed

By K. Jaroszuk (Poland)

I WISH to inform you that during the past month the Lord helped me to visit 24 Russian, 7 Polish, and 22 Jewish families. Besides this, I conducted three evangelistic meetings, one special meeting for the children, and preached on three occasions. I was also receiving callers at my home and distributing a great number of gospel tracts. To accomplish the above, I traveled 236 kilometers on my bicycle and six kilometers by wagon.

The first Sunday in the month, I went to the town of Brest, on the River Bug, where I had arranged a baptismal ceremony. There we had two meetings, one on the banks of the river and the other in the chapel. Two candidates were baptized. In the evening we had a young people's meeting, where the young boys and girls sang hymns and recited Scripture passages. The meeting lasted three hours. Everyone enjoyed it, and there was a feeling of the presence of the Holy Spirit. Everyone was full of joy and praise and thanksgiving to God.

Mr. Jaroszuk and the Children

On my return home, I visited a family of Christians in the village Turna, and they thanked the Lord for my visit. A few kilometers from my home, my bicycle broke down and I was obliged to carry it on my shoulders. To my great joy, the Lord sent a wagon, the owner of which gave me and my bicycle a lift, a kindness for which I thanked the Lord.

Two weeks later, we had a very blessed meeting in the village Chemeti, seven kilometers from my home town. When I left home for that village, it was raining, but the Lord helped me to reach my destination safely. The prayer room was packed with people, who listened with great attention. The Lord blessed the meeting. After the services, a great amount of Christian literature was distributed. In the congregation there were many children. I invited them to come forward and asked them if they wanted to accept the Lord. More than twenty came forward and I had a very fine conversation with them, explaining in simple terms God's love for children and all humanity. They listened with great attention and interest. The parents were very much pleased and expressed their wish to have such gospel meetings and conversations with the children more frequently. After the meeting, many from the congregation came and asked me to visit them often. They used the following words in their invitation: "Maybe the Lord will help us also to come to Him and accept His call."

On the 19th, we had a very blessed meeting in the village of Trostanitsr, 15 kilometers from my home town. Many people from different neighbor-

ing villages attended the meeting, and everyone was thanking the Lord for the privilege of having Christian fellowship.

The following Sunday it was raining. I was disappointed, because it was necessary to visit neighboring villages, where appointments had been made for gospel meetings. I prayed and asked the Lord's blessing, and the rain ceased. Many gospel tracts were distributed at this meeting. After the service, we had dinner, in the course of which the young people sang hymns of praise to God.

After dinner, we went to a neighboring village, about three kilometers away, to hold a meeting. When we arrived at our destination, we were told that the policeman had forbidden our having a meeting, but in the meantime permission had been secured from the head of the town to hold a meeting, in spite of the opposition. We had a very blessed time in the Lord. A great number of young people were present, and the attendance became so large that many people, who could not get inside, heard the gospel through the open windows. After the meeting, a great amount of gospel literature was distributed. The people did not wish to go home. They preferred to stay and listen to more of the Word of God.

I went to visit a family in the village Cherbovo, where I had a gospel conversation not only with the members of the family but also with the neighbors, who came in to hear the Word of God.

The rest of the month I stayed in my home town, where I conducted meetings and visited different families. Especially interesting was a conversation I had yesterday with a Russian lawyer, who invited me to his home for a discussion of the Bible.

There are many places which I am asked to visit, but it is impossible to accept the invitations. I am praying that the Lord will give me more strength for His service, as I want to help my neighbors in greater measure. I pray also that He may bless the places I have visited and the souls among whom I have had the opportunity of sowing the seed of the Word of God.

NEAR RUSSIA'S BORDER

By Nikita Mosherenok

(Estonia)

I AM glad to inform you that I am busy all the time in the Lord's vineyard. I have to plan to use my time to the best advantage. In the first place, I want to watch carefully the spiritual welfare of our believers. Some Christians seem to need constant guidance from old experienced workers. Temptations of every kind surround the church, and it is necessary to guard our souls as well as our bodies. Then, too, we are zealous for the evangelization of those who are on the outside. Recently, we again had the joy of seeing a soul converted to Christ in our meeting, with many others apparently deeply touched by our proclamation of salvation through the precious Blood of Christ.

There is a wide field for this work amongst the multitudes of Russians in Reval, the capital of Estonia, which is my home. I also frequently visit the borders of Russia. In the district of Izborsk, where I work with our Brother Moriakoff, we put forth all our efforts to keep our people to the old-fashioned gospel of the Blood of Christ, while many new teachings seek to gain an entrance, some of which are not at all sound.

Soviet Russia is tightly closed to any Christian work from abroad, but we keep close to the border of Russia, waiting for Russia to be opened to the gospel we are so eager to give them. There are some signs of changes in Russia, so that Christ may be preached there more freely than at present.

My heart is filled with thanksgiving to my Lord for your unfailing generosity, through which my Christian work is being supported. May the Lord bless you!

WHAT IS OUR ANSWER?

THE question asked by the first woman to become a Christian in Kwangsi nearly forty years ago is still asked today. Shortly after accepting Christ as her Saviour, Luk So came to the missionary and asked how long it was since the people on the other side of the "great sea" had heard the gospel. Receiving an evasive answer, she said, "Did your mother and father know about it?" When the missionary answered, "Yes," Luk So with a look of painful surprise said, "Then why did not *your* mother come and tell *my* mother before my mother died without hearing?" Heathen hearts who are just now hearing the message of Calvary after two thousand years still ask us why we have waited so long.

Among The Women

By Miss E. H. Steyrer (Austria)

GREETINGS to all my Christian friends in America, especially my faithful prayer helpers. God is answering—praise His Holy Name!

I have just returned from a trip to Graz, where I was permitted to take the place of our missionary, who had gone to his homeland, Switzerland, in the interests of our work in Austria, particularly his post at Graz. As I had to speak at a young girls' meeting in Vienna the day before I was due at Graz, I had to leave very early in the morning. Arrived at Graz at 1.00 and spoke at a women's meeting in the afternoon. We felt the presence of the Lord in this service and also at the young girls' meeting in the evening.

I was especially happy to see two women in the audience for whom I had been praying very earnestly since I was there in November. One of them, a "good Catholic," as she calls herself (but not even believing that Christ is the Son of God) had told me then that she would not come again because she knew it all and we could not tell her anything new and she had no time for such things. Yet, she came to all the meetings and seemed deeply interested. In our little after-meetings, I could see that she was stirred up and awakened out of her indifference. She asked many questions and seemed deeply concerned. I sent her a New Testament and am praying most earnestly that God will not permit Satan to snatch away the good seed, but that He may bless and let it grow up and bear fruit.

The other woman, a cousin of hers, really encouraged her to come the first day. She is a very smart, intelligent woman, but is completely mixed up in regard to spiritual things. She is earnestly seeking God, but cannot believe what the Bible says. She, too, is Catholic, but has come in touch with so many different sects and has read so many books containing all kinds of human ideas of God and religion that she does not know what to believe. I had many good talks with her, quoting one Scripture passage after another, but when she came to the end of her own wisdom, she said: "Who can know that the Bible is the Word of God?" Please pray earnestly for her. It cannot be God's will that she should be lost, for she only got into all these wrong things because she *was* seeking God, and now it is so hard for her to simply take God at His word and accept what He has prepared for her. If our "good" Christians would be half as zealous as she, we would have to get a much larger place. The last day of the meeting, she had a whole row of worldly women brought in, women of the educated class, who are so hard to reach and who had probably never heard the real gospel teaching before. One of them told me that she could not stay more than half an hour because she had an important engagement, yet she stayed to hear the very last word of my message.

There was another woman whom I had invited to our meetings in November and with whom I had an earnest talk. She told me at that time that she was a very good Christian, but did not believe that Jesus was the Son of God. Now she came to all the meetings she could and told me, with a beaming face, that now she knows Christ *is* the Son of the Almighty God and that He is very near to her. This surely is in answer to the faithful prayers of God's children, and is an encouragement to all.

I have been called away again, quite suddenly, to Salzburg, where the deaconess in charge of the work was taken very ill and had to go away for some time. I need your prayers more than ever, that I might fit into the place and be made a blessing. As long as I am here, I am responsible for the whole work, including the financial part of it, yet there is only one week remaining before the first of the month, when the rent for the meeting hall and the worker's room has to be paid—and there is nothing in the bank. This is an urgent need—yet I do not worry. He knows that we need it; we are praying and I know you will pray; God has promised to hear and to answer—and will He not do it? I am much more concerned about the spiritual part of it. The work is extensive and the opportunity is great. I trust I may not miss my opportunities, but that my messages may be Spirit-filled and bring to life that which is dead. That is my only wish.

"Without Me Ye Can Do Nothing"

By Philip Manetz (Carpathian Russia)

"BUT tarry ye in the city of Jerusalem, until ye be endued with power from on high" (Luke 24 : 49). Before His suffering and death, our Lord told His disciples, in the words of John 15 : 5 : "I am the Vine, ye are the branches. He that abideth in Me, and I in him, the same bringeth forth much fruit; for without Me ye can do nothing." In Acts 1 : 8, he spake in the same manner, after His resurrection: "But ye shall receive power, after that the Holy Ghost is come upon you: and ye shall be witnesses unto me both in Jerusalem, and in all Judea, and in Samaria, and unto the uttermost part of the earth." These words were partially fulfilled on the day of Pentecost, and the rest of the fulfilment is yet to come. See Joel 2 : 28-32.

Do these promises refer to the church at the present time? They certainly do. Does the believer have to "tarry" in order to receive the Holy Spirit? Every believer, who, "being born again, not of corruptible seed, but of incorruptible, by the Word of God, which liveth and abideth forever," is sealed and indwelt by the Holy Spirit of promise. See the following Scriptures: Eph. 1 : 13; I John 3 : 24; I Cor. 12 : 13; Eph. 4 : 30. Not every believer, however, is filled with the Holy Spirit. Therefore, we need to yield unto God.

Oh, how we realize the importance of the above words of Christ, here on the field! We go from village to village, telling the people of the redeeming love of God and of His mercy and goodness to men, warning them of the wrath to come upon all those who are rebellious and disobedient to the Word of God (II Thess. 1 : 5-9). Yet the hearts of men continue to be hard and very slow to heed the voice of God. Most of them remain closed to the gospel of Christ because of the great power of the devil, who has taken them captive and holds them according to his will. See Acts 26 : 18 and II Tim. 2 : 26. Our words seem of no avail, and our efforts seem useless and vain. We are like Christ's apostles up to the Day of Pentecost, but cannot compare with them after the Day of Pentecost, when they were filled with the Holy Ghost and power for service.

"Remember, Lord, the ancient days;
Renew Thy work, Thy grace restore;
And while to Thee our hearts we raise,
On us Thy Holy Spirit pour!"

"He that spared not His own Son, but delivered Him up for us all, how shall He not with Him also freely give us all things" (Rom. 8 : 32)? We are expecting great things from our great and almighty God. See Jer. 33 : 3 and Heb. 11 : 6.

Recently there was an article in a Jewish paper here in Bustino which stated that in Bucharest, the capital of Roumania, the Jewish rabbi had turned to Christ and 250 Jewish families followed him. We do not know the truth of the statement, but at least we rejoice to hear such good news and hope that it may be true.

We are thinking much at present about the godless program in Russia, which has been going on for the last four years and ten months. Their plan is that, by the first of May, all Christian religion and everybody who calls on the Name of God shall be put to an end, and even God will be driven out from within the borders of Russia. What horrible blasphemy! "God is not mocked: for whatsoever a man soweth, that shall he also reap" (Gal. 6 : 7). See also the second Psalm.

Our brother, Professor Neprash, visited us and spent a few profitable days in the ministry of God's Word here in Bustino and in the various villages. He left us only yesterday, going to Bucharest, Roumania. Please pray for God's blessing upon his ministry, especially upon the distribution of God's Word, both the Old and New Testaments. We pray that God may revive the hearts of men and cause them to read His Word. We trust that the distribution of the Word of God may be the preparation for a mighty revival among the Slavonic nations of Central Europe.

Pray that God may send Spirit-filled, consecrated workers to Carpathian Russia.

Pray for the backsliders, that they may be led to repentance.

Pray for a work of grace in the hearts of professing believers—many are not born again.

Pray for the little orphanage in Neresnice, that the children may all be saved, for His glory.

Pray for Mrs. Ermolinska, who is in charge of the orphanage at present, that wisdom and strength may be given her of God.

Pray for Miss Selody, who is at present in the U. S. A., doing deputation work in behalf of the orphanage.

Pray for the work in general in Carpathian Russia.

Pray for the Jews. Remember the Jewish family with whom I am rooming, that they might be saved.

Pray for God's blessing upon the various tracts, Gospels, and other Christian literature that have been distributed.

Pray for us, that we may be protected from all the attacks of Satan and of wicked men. We thank you all, dear Christian friends, for every prayer in our behalf and that of the Lord's work in Carpathian Russia.

EVIDENCES OF REVIVAL

By George Nazaruk

(Poland)

I AM very thankful for the Word of God, especially this passage of Scripture: "In everything give thanks; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus concerning you" (I Thess. 5 : 18). This has been a hard winter, and many people froze to death in January because of the cold weather, but God spared my life, as well as my family. It is a great joy to know our Heavenly Father, that He really takes care of those who are working for Him. Our relatives and friends may forget us, but He never does.

I want to tell you something about the Lord's work in Ozenin and other villages. I spent all last year in evangelistic work, and God was near to me and blessed me and the places I visited. I thought of continuing my evangelistic work another year, but one day I received an invitation to come to the church for a special meeting. There I found that all the members had gathered for a season of fasting and prayer. After the meeting, they asked forgiveness of one another, and then someone came to me also to ask my forgiveness, for they thought I might have something against them and that was the reason I was not resuming my pastorate. Then they unanimously asked me to take up full time work with them again. I decided to do so, but only for one year.

The members agreed that they would spend a week in prayer for revival, and we did this the first week of January. Then I asked the church to have a Sunday School class for adults, and now the church is filled with people on Sunday morning, believers and unbelievers, studying the Gospel of John. You should see how earnestly some of the grown people, who cannot read or write, memorize the Golden Text. Visitation work was also planned, in some of the homes and villages around us. Some of the members gladly went with me, and now we are rejoicing in the fact that some families in Ozenin are attending our meetings regularly, three families from Wiltoduwka are coming, and some of the children of our members have given themselves to the Lord. You see how the Lord has wonderfully blessed us during these past two months. We give praise to our precious Saviour for everything and ask God's people to remember us in earnest prayer. We need Bibles, too, for our poor people, especially in the Polish language.

REVIVAL THROUGH CHILDREN

By F. A. McGaw

(Poland)

GOD is blessing in Miss Christoffersen's work. Some of the children are coming on encouragingly. Possibly, as in Zinzendorf's work in 1727 and on, the revival we are so confidently praying for will come via the younger ones. A leader of a mission, with whom we talked today, said that they were witnessing like results among the children.

It will soon be time to begin work out at Radosc, such as painting the house, getting in the electric, digging a well, etc. But the burden on my heart that seems to get heavier is for the *lost souls*—Jew and Gentile—in and out of Warsaw! Of the 4,000,000 Jews in all Poland, I have wondered how many of them have ever talked with a really born-again man or woman, one who took them by the hand and lovingly pointed them to Jesus. The Orthodox does not do it, nor Rome, nor the synagogues. The spiritual darkness in certain parts of Europe is as great as in Africa.

God is surely setting His seal on our work here.

I have five young men—four of them Jews and one German—who speak English and are coming to me two evenings a week. One seems very near the kingdom. We have decided that we are not here to *teach English*, but I am here, as God may open the door, to *teach the Bible*.

ON THE HILL

By Phineas B. Kennedy
(Albania)

WE MAY praise God together that the work of our mission here is moving with encouragement, under the earnest leadership of our young missionaries, Mr. and Mrs. Jacques and Mr. and Mrs. Konrad.

You doubtless wonder what Mrs. Kennedy and I are doing as we linger on here. As you know, we are now living up here on this "hill property," some twenty minutes' walk from the centre of the city and within the city limits. The land, containing twenty-seven acres, is of third-class quality, but it is a beautiful and healthful location and the mountain water of the purest. May we not continue to pray that this piece of property may be used to God's glory. Possibly, sooner or later, a younger couple may be found to take our places.

We come down to the mission several times a week and have a room where Mrs. Kennedy stays on the days when she meets her "cases," representing various needs, or holds her meeting for women on Friday afternoon. On the intervening days, people come up to see us, in spite of winter weather. We make calls, and recently made a visit to Tirana and Durazzo.

As we have some children here on the hill, it gives us an opportunity to have a "Study Hour," followed by evening prayers. We have sometimes thought that this place might be developed into a Children's Boarding Home.

I am so planning it now that we may be free to be absent at times to follow up the many contacts we have, both here in Albania and in America. In answer to our united prayers, we believe that we will be definitely guided, and such contributions as you send to me personally will be used for our Lord in our further service for Him.

Christ's Nearness

Christ is, or ought to be, nearer to us today in all that constitutes real nearness, in our apprehension of His essential character, in our reception of His holiest influences, than He ever was to them who walked beside Him on the earth.

But that presence is of no use at all to us unless we daily try to realize it by the turning of our hearts to Him, and by the contemplation of Him amidst all the bustle and the struggle. Do you feel His nearness and try to keep the feeling fresh and vivid, by occupying heart and mind with Him, by referring everything to His supreme control?

—*Dr. Alex. Maclaren.*

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